

Other Agricultural Statistics

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Annual average prices for New York produced agricultural commodities during 2003 were mixed again this year with livestock prices mostly up and crop prices mixed. Prices for hay, soybeans, dry beans and silage were up while corn for grain, wheat, oats and potatoes were down.

New York beef producers and dairy farmers with animals to sell saw average prices increase from a year earlier. Steers and heifers averaged \$69.00 per hundredweight (cwt.) during the year, up 20 percent from 2002, and slaughter cows also

increased 11 percent to \$40.25 per cwt. over the same period. The combined price for all slaughter cattle averaged \$42.30 per cwt., up 14 percent from 2002. Calf prices dropped 6 percent from 2002, down to \$92.30 per cwt. for 2003. At the National level, annual average prices for all slaughter cattle combined averaged 20 percent higher in 2003.

New York pork producers saw prices for hogs average \$33.20 in 2003, up 7 percent from a year earlier. Lamb prices were up 11 percent to \$102.00 per cwt.

Table egg prices reached record state and national highs late in the year and averaged 64.5 cents per dozen for 2003, up 32 percent from 2002. At the U.S. level, hog prices averaged 11 percent higher and lamb prices were up 28 percent from previous year. The National average for table egg prices during 2003 were 24 percent higher than during 2002.

Wholesale milk prices received by New York dairy farmers averaged \$13.10 per cwt. during 2003, up 2 percent from 2002, but still down 17 percent from the 2001 average price.

Table 80. **PARITY RATIO:** Monthly and Annual Average, United States, 1995-2003 ^{1/}

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual average
<i>1990-92 = 100</i>													
1995	91	91	91	91	92	92	94	94	95	95	96	97	93
1996	96	94	96	94	97	103	103	101	100	97	96	94	98
1997	92	90	92	90	90	91	90	91	90	91	89	89	90
1998	88	87	89	91	90	89	88	89	88	87	87	87	88
1999	85	84	85	84	85	84	83	85	83	78	80	79	83
2000	76	78	80	84	84	82	81	82	82	77	81	80	81
2001	78	81	83	85	87	86	88	89	85	76	76	76	83
2002	78	80	86	77	80	80	81	81	79	76	78	78	80
2003	79	77	77	79	83	84	83	86	85	87	90	87	83

^{1/} Ratio of the index of prices received by farmers after adjustment for government payments to the index of prices paid for commodities and services, interest, taxes, and wage rates.